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53/189. Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

B[1]

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/183 of 16 December 1996, 52/202 of 18 December 1997 and 53/189 of 15 December 1998,

Noting the importance of the decision taken at its nineteenth special session[2] to convene a two-day special session in New York in September 1999,

Decides to hold the special session on 27 and 28 September 1999, for a full and comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.[3]

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/216. Observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Customs Cooperation Council,

1. *Decides* to invite the Customs Cooperation Council to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

95th plenary meeting
23 March 1999

53/223. Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/8 of 1 November 1995,

1. *Decides*, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of three years from among the States included in the lists[4] set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme, in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of limited membership:

(*a*) Eight members from the States included in list A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(*b*) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(*c*) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(*d*) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(*e*) Three members from the States included in list E, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

(*f*) One additional member rotating among the States included in lists A, B and C to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in accordance with the following pattern of rotation:

(i) One State from list A is to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term out of four, starting from 1 January 2000;

(ii) One State from list B is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the second term out of four, starting from 1 January 2003;

(iii) One State from list C is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the fourth term out of four, starting from 1 January 2009;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect one member from the States included in list E for a term of three years beginning on 1 January 2000;

3. *Decides* that the above-mentioned distribution of seats shall be reviewed two years before the end of one full rotation scheme of four terms, as referred to in paragraph 1 (*f*) of the present resolution. Such a review shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 50/8, taking into account the relevant inputs of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the result of the review shall enter into force on 1 January 2012;

4. *Decides also*, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the

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[1] Consequently, resolution 53/189, in section IV of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 53/189 A.

[2] See resolution S–19/2, annex, para. 71.

[3] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April–6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[4] Reproduced in E/1998/L.1/Add.4, annex II.

United Nations, that the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/224. Strengthening of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, by which it adopted the recommendations of the Open-ended High-level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System as contained in the annex to the resolution,

Recalling also the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/241,[5]

Recalling further its resolution 52/232 of 4 June 1998, by which it decided that the fifty-second session of the General Assembly would close on Tuesday, 8 September 1998, and that the fifty-third session of the General Assembly would open on Wednesday, 9 September 1998, and by which it decided that the International Day of Peace would continue to be observed on the opening day of the regular sessions,

Mindful that, for practical reasons, the closing of the regular sessions of the General Assembly should be on a Monday, which should not be a holiday, and the opening of the regular sessions should be on the following day, that is, on a Tuesday,

1. *Decides* that the fifty-third session of the General Assembly shall close on Monday, 13 September 1999, and that the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly shall open on Tuesday, 14 September 1999;

2. *Also decides* to consider further during its fifty-third session the question of the opening and closing dates of future regular sessions of the General Assembly.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/239. United Nations reform: measures and proposals; and strengthening of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/202 of 17 December 1998, by which it decided, *inter alia*, to designate the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly "The Millennium Assembly of the United Nations" and to convene, as an integral part of the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations, a Millennium Summit of the United Nations for a limited number of days on dates to be decided by the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-third session,

Recalling also its resolution 53/224 of 7 April 1999, by which it decided, *inter alia*, that the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly would open on Tuesday, 14 September 1999,

Mindful that a decision on the duration of the Millennium Summit is predicated on its format and contents,

1. *Decides* that the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly shall close on Tuesday, 5 September 2000, in the morning, and that the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly shall open on Tuesday, 5 September 2000, in the afternoon;

2. *Also decides* that the Millennium Summit shall begin on Wednesday, 6 September 2000.

101st plenary meeting
8 June 1999

53/242. Report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/12 A of 12 November 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform",

Reaffirming its determination to strengthen the role, capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of the United Nations, including in the field of environment and human settlements, and thus improve its performance in order to realize the full potential of the Organization,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements[6] and the report of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements annexed thereto, which contain recommendations on reforming and strengthening the activities of the United Nations in the field of environment and human settlements,

Expressing its appreciation to the Chairman and members of the Task Force for their commendable work,

Conscious of the continued deterioration of the global environment and the state of human settlements, despite some positive achievements, as well as of the need to strengthen the institutions of the United Nations charged with responsibility for environment and human settlements, to improve their performance and to promote coordination in the implementation of the environmental and human settlements dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system,

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening the capacity of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in their Nairobi location and of ensuring the provision of requisite support and stable, adequate and predictable financial resources necessary to both organizations for the fulfilment of their mandates, as contained in General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 32/162 of 19 December 1977, as well as in the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in its decision 19/1 of

[5] A/52/855.

[6] A/53/463.

7 February 1997,[7] and the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements,[8] adopted by the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on 14 June 1996, including by seeking additional financial resources through broadening the range of sources of funding for both organizations, in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,

Taking into account the views of Member States on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements,

Taking into account also the views contained in decision 20/17, adopted on 5 February 1999 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,[9] and Commission on Human Settlements resolution 17/6 of 14 May 1999,[10] concerning the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts undertaken to strengthen the United Nations in the field of environment and human settlements,,and in that context takes note of the general thrust of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements,[6] proposing actions to be taken by the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and takes note also of the recommendations outlined in section IV of the report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations Office at Nairobi, in its capacity as the only United Nations headquarters located in a developing country, through the provision of requisite support and stable, adequate and predictable financial resources, including by proposing additional regular budget resources, as envisaged by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, for the consideration of the Assembly, with due regard for proper United Nations budgetary procedures;

3. *Encourages* the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Nairobi to take steps to increase the level of utilization of the Office, and in this regard encourages other agencies, funds and programmes to consider increasing their utilization of its facilities for their activities;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to increase cooperation in and strengthen coordination of their activities, within the framework of their respective mandates and separate programmatic and organizational identities, as well as their separate Executive Directors;

5. *Supports* the proposal of the Secretary-General regarding the establishment of an environmental management group for the purpose of enhancing inter-agency coordination in the field of environment and human settlements, and requests the Secretary-General to develop, in consultation with the Member States and members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the mandate, terms of reference, appropriate criteria for membership and flexible, cost-effective working methods of the proposed environmental management group and to submit them to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fourth session;

6. *Welcomes* the proposal to institute an annual, ministerial-level, global environmental forum, with the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme constituting the forum in the years that it meets in regular session and, in alternate years, with the forum taking the form of a special session of the Governing Council, in which participants can gather to review important and emerging policy issues in the field of the environment, with due consideration for the need to ensure the effective and efficient functioning of the governance mechanisms of the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as possible financial implications, and the need to maintain the role of the Commission on Sustainable Development as the main forum for high-level policy debate on sustainable development;

7. *Supports* the proposals for the facilitation of and support for enhancing linkages and coordination within and among environmental and environment-related conventions, including by the United Nations Environment Programme, with full respect for the status of the respective convention secretariats and the autonomous decision-making prerogatives of the conferences of the parties to the conventions concerned, and emphasizes in this regard the need to provide the United Nations Environment Programme with adequate resources to perform this task;

8. *Welcomes* the proposals for the involvement, participation and constructive engagement of major groups active in the field of environment and human settlements, with due consideration for the relevant rules, regulations and procedures of the United Nations;

9. *Reiterates* the importance of strengthening the capacity and capability of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), within the framework of their existing mandates, in the areas of information, the monitoring and assessment of global and regional environmental and human settlements trends and early warning information on environmental threats, so as to catalyse and promote international cooperation and action, and in this context emphasizes the importance of strengthening the system-wide Earthwatch as an effective, accessible and strictly non-political science-based system;

10. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with its mandate, the United Nations Environment Programme should not become involved in conflict identification, prevention or resolution;

11. *Stresses* the need to ensure that capacity-building and technical assistance, in particular with respect to institutional strengthening in developing countries, as well as research and scientific studies in the field of environment and

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[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex.

[8] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[9] See A/54/25, annex I. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25*.

[10] See A/54/8, annex I. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 8*.

human settlements, must remain important components of the work programmes of both the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), within their existing mandates, and also stresses, in this regard, the need for adequate financial resources as well as the need to avoid duplication of efforts;

12. *Also stresses* the need to enhance further the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility, consistent with its role as defined in the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility;[11]

13. *Reaffirms* the role of the Commission on Human Settlements in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[12] emphasizes the need for it to take steps to prepare for the review of its implementation in 2001, and welcomes the proposals that the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) should strengthen its core activities and develop into a centre for excellence with regard to human settlements;

14. *Welcomes* the proposal to continue ongoing work in the development of indicators in the field of environment and human settlements, and in this regard stresses the importance of the need to avoid duplication of efforts;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

105th plenary meeting
28 July 1999

53/243. Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace

A

Declaration on a Culture of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles embodied therein,

Recalling also the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which states that "since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed",

Recalling further the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[13] and other relevant international instruments of the United Nations system,

Recognizing that peace not only is the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation,

Recognizing also that the end of the cold war has widened possibilities for strengthening a culture of peace,

Expressing deep concern about the persistence and proliferation of violence and conflict in various parts of the world,

Recognizing the need to eliminate all forms of discrimination and intolerance, including those based on race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status,

Recalling its resolution 52/15 of 20 November 1997, by which it proclaimed the year 2000 as the "International Year for the Culture of Peace", and its resolution 53/25 of 10 November 1998, by which it proclaimed the period 2001–2010 as the "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World",

Recognizing the important role that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization continues to play in the promotion of a culture of peace,

Solemnly proclaims the present Declaration on a Culture of Peace to the end that Governments, international organizations and civil society may be guided in their activity by its provisions to promote and strengthen a culture of peace in the new millennium:

Article 1

A culture of peace is a set of values, attitudes, traditions and modes of behaviour and ways of life based on:

(*a*) Respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation;

(*b*) Full respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States and non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

(*c*) Full respect for and promotion of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*d*) Commitment to peaceful settlement of conflicts;

(*e*) Efforts to meet the developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations;

(*f*) Respect for and promotion of the right to development;

(*g*) Respect for and promotion of equal rights and opportunities for women and men;

(*h*) Respect for and promotion of the right of everyone to freedom of expression, opinion and information;

(*i*) Adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism,

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[11] UNEP/GCSS.IV/2.

[12] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[13] Resolution 217 A (III).

cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations;

and fostered by an enabling national and international environment conducive to peace.

Article 2

Progress in the fuller development of a culture of peace comes about through values, attitudes, modes of behaviour and ways of life conducive to the promotion of peace among individuals, groups and nations.

Article 3

The fuller development of a culture of peace is integrally linked to:

(*a*) Promoting peaceful settlement of conflicts, mutual respect and understanding and international cooperation;

(*b*) Complying with international obligations under the Charter of the United Nations and international law;

(*c*) Promoting democracy, development and universal respect for and observance of all human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*d*) Enabling people at all levels to develop skills of dialogue, negotiation, consensus-building and peaceful resolution of differences;

(*e*) Strengthening democratic institutions and ensuring full participation in the development process;

(*f*) Eradicating poverty and illiteracy and reducing inequalities within and among nations;

(*g*) Promoting sustainable economic and social development;

(*h*) Eliminating all forms of discrimination against women through their empowerment and equal representation at all levels of decision-making;

(*i*) Ensuring respect for and promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(*j*) Ensuring free flow of information at all levels and enhancing access thereto;

(*k*) Increasing transparency and accountability in governance;

(*l*) Eliminating all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(*m*) Advancing understanding, tolerance and solidarity among all civilizations, peoples and cultures, including towards ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities;

(*n*) Realizing fully the right of all peoples, including those living under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation, to self-determination enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and embodied in the International Covenants on Human Rights,[14] as well as in the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960.

Article 4

Education at all levels is one of the principal means to build a culture of peace. In this context, human rights education is of particular importance.

Article 5

Governments have an essential role in promoting and strengthening a culture of peace.

Article 6

Civil society needs to be fully engaged in fuller development of a culture of peace.

Article 7

The educative and informative role of the media contributes to the promotion of a culture of peace.

Article 8

A key role in the promotion of a culture of peace belongs to parents, teachers, politicians, journalists, religious bodies and groups, intellectuals, those engaged in scientific, philosophical and creative and artistic activities, health and humanitarian workers, social workers, managers at various levels as well as to non-governmental organizations.

Article 9

The United Nations should continue to play a critical role in the promotion and strengthening of a culture of peace worldwide.

107th plenary meeting
13 September 1999

B

PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON A CULTURE OF PEACE

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on a Culture of Peace adopted on 13 September 1999,

Recalling its resolution 52/15 of 20 November 1997, by which it proclaimed the year 2000 as the "International Year for the Culture of Peace", and its resolution 53/25 of 10 November 1998, by which it proclaimed the period 2001–2010 as the "International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World";

Adopts the following Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace:

[14] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

A. *Aims, strategies and main actors*

1. The Programme of Action should serve as the basis for the International Year for the Culture of Peace and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World.

2. Member States are encouraged to take actions for promoting a culture of peace at the national level as well as at the regional and international levels.

3. Civil society should be involved at the local, regional and national levels to widen the scope of activities on a culture of peace.

4. The United Nations system should strengthen its ongoing efforts to promote a culture of peace.

5. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization should continue to play its important role in and make major contributions to the promotion of a culture of peace.

6. Partnerships between and among the various actors as set out in the Declaration should be encouraged and strengthened for a global movement for a culture of peace.

7. A culture of peace could be promoted through sharing of information among actors on their initiatives in this regard.

8. Effective implementation of the Programme of Action requires mobilization of resources, including financial resources, by interested Governments, organizations and individuals.

B. *Strengthening actions at the national, regional and international levels by all relevant actors*

9. Actions to foster a culture of peace through education:

(*a*) Reinvigorate national efforts and international cooperation to promote the goals of education for all with a view to achieving human, social and economic development and for promoting a culture of peace;

(*b*) Ensure that children, from an early age, benefit from education on the values, attitudes, modes of behaviour and ways of life to enable them to resolve any dispute peacefully and in a spirit of respect for human dignity and of tolerance and non-discrimination;

(*c*) Involve children in activities designed to instill in them the values and goals of a culture of peace;

(*d*) Ensure equality of access to education for women, especially girls;

(*e*) Encourage revision of educational curricula, including textbooks, bearing in mind the 1995 Declaration and Integrated Framework of Action on Education for Peace, Human Rights and Democracy[15] for which technical cooperation should be provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization upon request;

(*f*) Encourage and strengthen efforts by actors as identified in the Declaration, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, aimed at developing values and skills conducive to a culture of peace, including education and training in promoting dialogue and consensus-building;

(*g*) Strengthen the ongoing efforts of the relevant entities of the United Nations system aimed at training and education, where appropriate, in the areas of conflict prevention and crisis management, peaceful settlement of disputes, as well as in post-conflict peace-building;

(*h*) Expand initiatives to promote a culture of peace undertaken by institutions of higher education in various parts of the world, including the United Nations University, the University for Peace and the project for twinning universities and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Chairs Programme.

10. Actions to promote sustainable economic and social development:

(*a*) Undertake comprehensive actions on the basis of appropriate strategies and agreed targets to eradicate poverty through national and international efforts, including through international cooperation;

(*b*) Strengthen the national capacity for implementation of policies and programmes designed to reduce economic and social inequalities within nations through, *inter alia*, international cooperation;

(*c*) Promote effective and equitable development-oriented and durable solutions to the external debt and debt-servicing problems of developing countries through, *inter alia*, debt relief;

(*d*) Reinforce actions at all levels to implement national strategies for sustainable food security, including the development of actions to mobilize and optimize the allocation and utilization of resources from all sources, including through international cooperation, such as resources coming from debt relief;

(*e*) Undertake further efforts to ensure that the development process is participatory and that development projects involve the full participation of all;

(*f*) Include a gender perspective and empowerment of women and girls as an integral part of the development process;

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[15] United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-eighth Session, Paris, 25 October–16 November 1995*, vol. 1: *Resolutions*, resolution 5.4, annexes.

(*g*) Include in development strategies special measures focusing on needs of women and children as well as groups with special needs;

(*h*) Strengthen, through development assistance in post-conflict situations, rehabilitation, reintegration and reconciliation processes involving all engaged in conflicts;

(*i*) Incorporate capacity-building in development strategies and projects to ensure environmental sustainability, including preservation and regeneration of the natural resource base;

(*j*) Remove obstacles to the realization of the right of peoples to self-determination, in particular of peoples living under colonial or other forms of alien domination or foreign occupation, which adversely affect their social and economic development.

11. Actions to promote respect for all human rights:

(*a*) Full implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;[16]

(*b*) Encouragement of development of national plans of action for the promotion and protection of all human rights;

(*c*) Strengthening of national institutions and capacities in the field of human rights, including through national human rights institutions;

(*d*) Realization and implementation of the right to development, as established in the Declaration on the Right to Development[17] and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(*e*) Achievement of the goals of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004;[18]

(*f*) Dissemination and promotion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at all levels;

(*g*) Further support to the activities of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in the fulfilment of her or his mandate as established in General Assembly resolution 48/141 of 20 December 1993, as well as the responsibilities set by subsequent resolutions and decisions.

12. Actions to ensure equality between women and men:

(*a*) Integration of a gender perspective into the implementation of all relevant international instruments;

(*b*) Further implementation of international instruments that promote equality between women and men;

(*c*) Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women,[19] with adequate resources and political will, and through, *inter alia*, the elaboration, implementation and follow-up of the national plans of action;

(*d*) Promotion of equality between women and men in economic, social and political decision-making;

(*e*) Further strengthening of efforts by the relevant entities of the United Nations system for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against women;

(*f*) Provision of support and assistance to women who have become victims of any forms of violence, including in the home, workplace and during armed conflicts.

13. Actions to foster democratic participation:

(*a*) Reinforcement of the full range of actions to promote democratic principles and practices;

(*b*) Special emphasis on democratic principles and practices at all levels of formal, informal and non-formal education;

(*c*) Establishment and strengthening of national institutions and processes that promote and sustain democracy through, *inter alia*, training and capacity-building of public officials;

(*d*) Strengthening of democratic participation through, *inter alia*, the provision of electoral assistance upon the request of States concerned and based on relevant United Nations guidelines;

(*e*) Combating of terrorism, organized crime, corruption as well as production, trafficking and consumption of illicit drugs and money laundering, as they undermine democracies and impede the fuller development of a culture of peace.

14. Actions to advance understanding, tolerance and solidarity:

(*a*) Implement the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance and the Follow-up Plan of Action for the United Nations Year for Tolerance[20] (1995);

(*b*) Support activities in the context of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations in the year 2001;

(*c*) Study further the local or indigenous practices and traditions of dispute settlement and promotion of tolerance with the objective of learning from them;

(*d*) Support actions that foster understanding, tolerance and solidarity throughout society, in particular with vulnerable groups;

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[16] A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

[17] Resolution 41/128, annex.

[18] See A/49/261–E/1994/110/Add.1, annex.

[19] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[20] A/51/201, appendix I.

(*e*) Further support the attainment of the goals of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;

(*f*) Support actions that foster tolerance and solidarity with refugees and displaced persons, bearing in mind the objective of facilitating their voluntary return and social integration;

(*g*) Support actions that foster tolerance and solidarity with migrants;

(*h*) Promote increased understanding, tolerance and cooperation among all peoples through, *inter alia*, appropriate use of new technologies and dissemination of information;

(*i*) Support actions that foster understanding, tolerance, solidarity and cooperation among peoples and within and among nations.

15. Actions to support participatory communication and the free flow of information and knowledge:

(*a*) Support the important role of the media in the promotion of a culture of peace;

(*b*) Ensure freedom of the press and freedom of information and communication;

(*c*) Make effective use of the media for advocacy and dissemination of information on a culture of peace involving, as appropriate, the United Nations and relevant regional, national and local mechanisms;

(*d*) Promote mass communication that enables communities to express their needs and participate in decision-making;

(*e*) Take measures to address the issue of violence in the media, including new communication technologies, *inter alia*, the Internet;

(*f*) Increase efforts to promote the sharing of information on new information technologies, including the Internet.

16. Actions to promote international peace and security:

(*a*) Promote general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control, taking into account the priorities established by the United Nations in the field of disarmament;

(*b*) Draw, where appropriate, on lessons conducive to a culture of peace learned from "military conversion" efforts as evidenced in some countries of the world;

(*c*) Emphasize the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by war and the need to work for a just and lasting peace in all parts of the world;

(*d*) Encourage confidence-building measures and efforts for negotiating peaceful settlements;

(*e*) Take measures to eliminate illicit production and traffic of small arms and light weapons;

(*f*) Support initiatives, at the national, regional and international levels, to address concrete problems arising from post-conflict situations, such as demobilization, reintegration of former combatants into society, as well as refugees and displaced persons, weapon collection programmes, exchange of information and confidence-building;

(*g*) Discourage the adoption of and refrain from any unilateral measure, not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations, that impedes the full achievement of economic and social development by the population of the affected countries, in particular women and children, that hinders their well-being, that creates obstacles to the full enjoyment of their human rights, including the right of everyone to a standard of living adequate for their health and well-being and their right to food, medical care and the necessary social services, while reaffirming that food and medicine must not be used as a tool for political pressure;

(*h*) Refrain from military, political, economic or any other form of coercion, not in accordance with international law and the Charter, aimed against the political independence or territorial integrity of any State;

(*i*) Recommend proper consideration for the issue of the humanitarian impact of sanctions, in particular on women and children, with a view to minimizing the humanitarian effects of sanctions;

(*j*) Promote greater involvement of women in prevention and resolution of conflicts and, in particular, in activities promoting a culture of peace in post-conflict situations;

(*k*) Promote initiatives in conflict situations such as days of tranquillity to carry out immunization and medicine distribution campaigns, corridors of peace to ensure delivery of humanitarian supplies and sanctuaries of peace to respect the central role of health and medical institutions such as hospitals and clinics;

(*l*) Encourage training in techniques for the understanding, prevention and resolution of conflict for the concerned staff of the United Nations, relevant regional organizations and Member States, upon request, where appropriate.

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53/12. Support account for peacekeeping operations

B[1]

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998 and 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations, in particular the performance report on the use of support account resources for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;[4]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Notes* the initial efforts made in the implementation of the request contained in paragraph 7 of its resolution 51/239 A and paragraph 14 of its resolution 52/248, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Also notes* that the backstopping activities for peacekeeping operations require ongoing reviews which should take into account the overall evolution of peacekeeping trends;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the issues related to this analysis in his annual report on the support account;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to avoid duplication, overlap and fragmentation in all departments involved in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

7. *Concurs* with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its report;[3]

8. *Notes* the improvement in the format and content of the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account, and requests him to make further improvements in accordance with resolution 51/239 A and the related reports of the Advisory Committee;[5]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to adopt a standard format for support account reports in accordance with resolution 53/208 B;

10. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to submit its reports in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution 53/208 B;

11. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

12. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

13. *Stresses* that the Secretary-General should continue to submit annually comprehensive proposals on the total requirement for human and financial resources from all sources of funding for all departments involved in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

14. *Notes* the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 28 of its report,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to field missions is in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the regulations and rules of the Organization and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

15. *Notes with concern* the reduction in the level of resources for the Training Unit, which may affect the capacity of the Unit to perform its important functions in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine further the requirements of the Training Unit and to include the results of that review in the next support account budget proposal with a view to enhancing the training function of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

17. *Emphasizes* the need for the coordination of the internal and external audits of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the peacekeeping missions, with a view to avoiding duplication and overlap;

18. *Decides* to maintain for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 1998 to 30 June

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[1] Consequently, resolution 53/12, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 53/12 A.

[2] A/53/854 and Add.1.

[3] A/53/901.

[4] A/53/854.

[5] A/53/895 and A/53/901.

1999, as provisionally approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

19. *Approves* four hundred support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

20. *Regrets* that a comprehensive review of a rapidly deployable mission headquarters, as requested in paragraph 7 of its resolution 53/12 A, has not been carried out, and requests the Secretary-General to make the comprehensive review available before the report on the support account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 is submitted;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary military and civilian police expertise in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations is maintained;

22. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee[5] that the six additional posts for the rapidly deployable mission headquarters be accommodated through redeployment within the existing support account establishment throughout the Secretariat;

23. *Decides* to monitor closely the functions and activities to be performed by the rapidly deployable mission headquarters, in particular its functions related to other structures in the Secretariat, and to revert to the issue in the context of future reports of the Secretary-General on the support account;

24. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 in the amount of 34,887,100 United States dollars;

25. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 3,865,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 and to appropriate the balance of 31,021,300 dollars, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to meet the financing requirements of the support account for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

26. *Decides also* to delete paragraph 24 of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations,[6] and requests the issuance of a corrigendum to that effect.

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53/18. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

B[7]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara[8] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[9]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1238 (1999) of 14 May 1999,

Recalling its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/18 A of 2 November 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 59.3 million United States dollars, representing 17 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 31 March 1999, notes that some 6 per cent of the membership has paid its assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

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[6] A/53/854/Add.1.

[7] Consequently, resolution 53/18, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 53/18 A.

[8] A/53/810 and A/53/820.

[9] A/53/943.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Takes note* of the observations, and endorses the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[9]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 52,124,911 dollars gross (48,173,311 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 2,593,381 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 508,530 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 10,714,566 dollars gross (9,902,291 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 14 September 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 812,275 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 14 September 1999;

11. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 41,410,345 dollars gross (38,271,020 dollars net) for the period from 15 September 1999 to 30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of 4,343,743 dollars gross (4,014,443 dollars net), in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A, and subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 14 September 1999;

12. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 11 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,139,325 dollars approved for the period from 15 September 1999 to 30 June 2000;

13. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 6,523,200 dollars gross (5,357,200 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

14. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 6,523,200 dollars gross (5,357,200 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

15. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

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53/19. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

B[10]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan[11] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[12]

Recalling Security Council resolution 968 (1994) of 16 December 1994, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission of Observers, the latest of which was resolution 1240 (1999) of 15 May 1999,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, by which the Council authorized the Secretary-General to expand the size of the Mission of Observers,

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[10] Consequently, resolution 53/19, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 53/19 A.

[11] A/53/784 and A/53/816.

[12] A/53/895 and Add.5.

Recalling further its resolution 49/240 of 31 March 1995 on the financing of the Mission of Observers and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/19 A of 2 November 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission of Observers are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission of Observers, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission of Observers,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission of Observers with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 3.7 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission of Observers to the period ending 15 May 1999, notes that some 15 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission of Observers in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[13]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission of Observers is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission of Observers against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of 18,708,926 dollars gross (17,475,926 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 930,639 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 182,487 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States at a monthly rate of 1,559,077 dollars gross (1,456,327 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission of Observers beyond 30 June 1999;

9. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,233,000 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

10. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 2,408,400 dollars gross (2,048,400 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, their share of the unencumbered balance of 2,408,400 dollars gross (2,048,400 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

12. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission of Observers in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

[13] A/53/895/Add.5.

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan".

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53/20. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

B[14]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force[15] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[16]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/20 A of 2 November 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 12.2 million United States dollars, representing 8.2 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 28 February 1999, notes that some 26 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[17]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/245 of 26 June 1998 and 53/20 A in the amount of 50,053,745 dollars gross (48,751,045 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, for the maintenance of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, to the amount of 43,062,700 dollars gross (42,004,600 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 1,053,745 dollars for the support account;

8. *Decides also* as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 21,053,745 dollars gross (20,580,245 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 52/245 and the amount of 12,315,418 dollars gross (11,920,452 dollars net) apportioned in accordance with its resolution 53/20 A, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 9,693,537 dollars gross (9,503,903 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

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[14] Consequently, resolution 53/20, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 53/20 A.

[15] A/53/437 and Add.1, A/53/786 and A/53/812 and Add.1.

[16] A/53/895 and A/53/958.

[17] A/53/958.

9. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 189,634 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 6,895,700 dollars gross (6,310,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

11. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 6,895,700 dollars gross (6,310,400 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

12. *Decides further* to appropriate the amount of 183,730 dollars gross (166,330 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999, inclusive of the amount of 9,305 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,825 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".

101st plenary meeting
8 June 1999

53/36. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

F[18]

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions on a number of requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, transmitted by a letter dated 28 June 1999 from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions to the President of the General Assembly through a letter dated 1 July 1999 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[19]

1. *Decides* that:

(*a*) The failure of the Republic of Moldova to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is attributable to conditions beyond its control and that, accordingly, it is permitted to vote until 31 December 1999;

(*b*) The failure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros and Tajikistan to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter is attributable to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they are permitted to vote until 30 June 2000;

2. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* to revert to the procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

105th plenary meeting
28 July 1999

G

The General Assembly,

Having considered the letter dated 12 July 1999 from the Acting President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee,[20]

1. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions to consider the request of Georgia, under Article 19 of the Charter, on the subject of the country's arrears,[21] as a matter of priority, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, and to transmit its views, also as a matter of priority, to the General Assembly, to the extent possible before the end of its fifty-third session;

3. *Decides* to grant Georgia temporary exemption under Article 19 of the Charter so that it may be permitted to vote until a final decision on the matter is taken by the General Assembly;

4. *Decides also* that the procedural arrangements in the present resolution will not set a precedent for the future.

105th plenary meeting
28 July 1999

53/217. Procurement-related arbitration

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of procurement-related arbitration cases,[22]

[18] For resolutions 53/36 A-E, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, sect. VI.

[19] See A/C.5/53/64.

[20] A/C.5/53/65.

[21] Ibid., annex.

[22] See A/53/843.

1. *Expresses deep concern* about the increase of pending procurement-related arbitration claims instituted against the United Nations, which total 56 million United States dollars as at 19 March 1999;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, for consideration at an early stage during its fifty-fourth session, a comprehensive report, taking into account the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the views expressed by Member States on the issue of arbitration, which should cover, *inter alia*:

(*a*) The reasons for arbitration cases;

(*b*) The roles and mandates of various Secretariat structures and negotiating teams in arbitration and settlement processes;

(*c*) The sources of funding for arbitration awards and settlement payments;

(*d*) The selection of outside legal counsels and provisions to preclude conflict of interest;

(*e*) Disciplinary action taken against staff members responsible for wrongdoing that resulted in arbitration;

(*f*) Pending arbitration cases;

(*g*) Measures taken or proposed to prevent or reduce contract disputes which might lead to arbitration in the future;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the obligations of the United Nations under the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law,[23] to keep Member States duly informed of all arbitration and settlement cases, *inter alia*, by clearly identifying such cases as separate items in corresponding financial performance reports and indicating corrective and disciplinary measures taken in this regard.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/218. Gratis personnel provided by Governments

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/234 of 26 June 1998 and 53/11 of 26 October 1998,

Recalling its resolutions 51/226 of 3 April 1997 and 52/219 of 22 December 1997,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[24] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[25]

1. *Notes* that, with the exception of one type II gratis personnel, all type II gratis personnel were phased out by 28 February 1999;

2. *Notes with concern* that its resolutions on gratis personnel have not been fully implemented, and reiterates the need for full compliance in future;

3. *Also notes with concern* the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of its report;

4. *Decides* to consider, under the item entitled "Human resources management", the question of the recruitment of seventeen gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 as the recruitment was in contravention of General Assembly resolution 51/226;

5. *Endorses* the observation of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 6 of its report that, at the end of June 1999, confirmation should be given that, without exception, all type II gratis personnel have been phased out;

6. *Decides* to continue, at the main part of its fifty-fourth session, its consideration of the question of gratis personnel provided by Governments.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/219. Integrated Management Information System

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/212 B of 31 March 1998,

Reaffirming its resolution 52/227 of 31 March 1998 and section VII of its resolution 53/214 of 18 December 1998,

Having considered the tenth progress report of the Secretary-General and the addendum thereto,[26] the study of the Integrated Management Information System conducted by independent experts,[27] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[28] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the increase in costs of the Integrated Management Information System development contract,[29]

1. *Takes note with concern* of the findings contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the increase in costs of the Integrated Management Information System development contract,[29] in particular that:

(*a*) With careful planning, proper identification of needs and more adequate preparations, the cost increase could have been reduced;

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[23] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.V.6.

[24] A/53/715, A/53/847 and A/C.5/53/54.

[25] A/53/417/Add.1.

[26] A/53/573 and Add.1.

[27] See A/53/662 and Corr.1.

[28] A/53/7/Add.7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[29] See A/53/829.

(*b*) Delays in promptly addressing deficiencies through concerted action in each phase of the development and implementation process have led the Organization to place undue reliance on the contractor;

(*c*) Insufficient progress has been made with respect to long-term operational support, software maintenance and staff training functions and, consequently, the reliance on the Integrated Management Information System project team and perhaps even the contractor is unlikely to diminish in the near future;

(*d*) There is no assurance that implementation problems similar to those experienced in previous years will not recur in the case of remaining releases, resulting in the possibility of further cost escalations;

2. *Notes* the observations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services that in large and complex software development contracts some out-of-scope work is a common occurrence;

3. *Regrets* the lack of adequate participation of the main user departments in the development and implementation phases of the system, which led to increased costs;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the institutionalization of the Integrated Management Information System by the main user departments is completed as soon as possible;

5. *Reiterates its deep concern* about the time and cost overruns for the completion of the project;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that problems similar to those experienced previously do not recur;

7. *Notes* that the services required from the main contractor will be completed by the end of 1999, with the exception of warranty-related activities;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to make use of any potential for improving efficiency by streamlining existing work flows and processes through more effective use of the Integrated Management Information System;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all corrective measures required to make the system fully operational and avoid further delays and unnecessary cost increases in the implementation of the project, taking into account the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[29] and the study conducted by independent experts;[27]

10. *Decides* that the resources required to conclude the development of the Integrated Management Information System by August 2000 shall not exceed 77.6 million United States dollars;

11. *Reiterates* the need for a comprehensive programme for Integrated Management Information System training to be included as part of the ongoing training programme offered to staff at all duty stations concerned;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 52/212 B in future progress reports on the Integrated Management Information System;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General clearly to establish roles, responsibilities and accountability of all offices and staff concerned in the implementation of the remaining releases and to report thereon in his next progress report;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to maintain an effective monitoring system to ensure that implementation problems are addressed properly as they arise;

15. *Decides* to approve an additional appropriation of 3.2 million dollars under section 27D, Support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999, to be charged to the contingency fund and to be reflected in the assessment to be determined on the basis of the final appropriation for the biennium 1998–1999.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/220. Development Account

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997 and 52/235 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Reaffirming also the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,

Noting the proposals made by the Secretary-General for the utilization of the development dividend,[30]

Stressing the need to use the Development Account for projects related to the development priorities of the medium-term plan,

1. *Approves*, from the eight proposals made in the report of the Secretary-General,[30] proposals A, B, D and E below:

A. Promotion of electronic commerce (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development);

B. Capacity-building in economic and social policy analysis in Africa through the networking of expertise (Economic Commission for Africa);

D. Computer and telecommunication system for international and national drug control (United Nations International Drug Control Programme);

[30] A/53/374, sect. III.

E. Capacity-building and networking for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in least developed countries (United Nations Centre for Human Settlements),

on an ad hoc and one-time basis only, without setting a precedent and without prejudicing the outcome of its consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account;

2. *Emphasizes* that, in the implementation of those proposals, emphasis should be placed on the promotion of development activities, and that the implementation should demonstrate the benefits accruing in building national capacities, particularly in developing countries and also in countries with economies in transition;

3. *Stresses* that, in the implementation of the proposals, particular attention should be given to the utilization of technical, human and other resources available in the developing countries;

4. *Decides* that the proposals should be reformulated and implemented in accordance with the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as revised by the General Assembly in its resolution 53/207 of 18 December 1998;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reformulate the other proposals contained in his report following criteria according to which projects should:

(*a*) Have multiplier effects and promote capacity-building primarily in developing countries;

(*b*) Promote regional and interregional economic and technical cooperation among the developing countries;

(*c*) Use available human and technical resources from the developing regions;

and to submit those reformulated proposals to the General Assembly at the second part of its resumed fifty-third session;

6. *Decides* to keep the implementation of the proposals under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly on the utilization of the development dividend, in accordance with relevant regulations and rules;

7. *Also decides* to continue consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account during the resumed fifty-third session.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 52/220 and 52/221 A of 22 December 1997, 52/235 of 26 June 1998 and 53/220 A of 7 April 1999,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend[31] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[32]

Noting the reformulations made by the Secretary-General for proposals A, B, D, E, F, G and H,

Noting also that proposal C is being reconsidered for subsequent submission to the General Assembly,

Noting further the reformulations of proposals F, G and H in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 53/220 A,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986,

Reaffirming also the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,

1. *Decides* that the title of proposal H should be changed to "Activities for capacity-building in developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of Agenda 21, the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, and the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action";

2. *Approves* the following reformulated proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[31] on an ad hoc and one-time basis only, without setting a precedent and without prejudicing the outcome of its consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account:

F. On-line network of regional institutions for capacity-building in public administration and finance (Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat);

G. Research network for economic policy analysis (Department of Economic and Social Affairs);

H. Activities for capacity-building in developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of Agenda 21, the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, and the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (Department of Economic and Social Affairs);

3. *Reiterates* that all projects shall be fully implemented in accordance with the provisions of

[31] A/53/374/Add.1.

[32] A/53/7/Add.12.

paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 53/220 A and the relevant Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as revised by the Assembly in its resolution 53/207 of 18 December 1998;

4. *Decides* that the anticipated duration of the approved projects contained in the report of the Secretary-General shall not be used as a precedent for setting time limits for the programmes of the regular budget;

5. *Decides also* to keep the implementation of the projects under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit reports to the General Assembly in accordance with relevant regulations and rules.

101st plenary meeting
8 June 1999

53/221. Human resources management

The General Assembly,

Recalling Articles 8, 97, 100 and 101 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling also its resolutions 52/214 of 22 December 1997, 52/252 of 8 September 1998 and 53/208 of 18 December 1998,

Reaffirming its resolutions 49/222 A and B of 23 December 1994 and 20 July 1995, 51/226 of 3 April 1997 and 52/219 of 22 December 1997, as well as its other relevant resolutions and decisions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution,

Having considered the relevant reports on human resources management questions submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly for consideration during its fifty-third session[33] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[34]

Aware of the views expressed by the staff representatives in the Fifth Committee[35] in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213 of 17 December 1980, as transmitted to the Assembly in a note by the Secretary-General,[36]

Reaffirming that the staff of the United Nations is an invaluable asset of the Organization, and commending its contribution to furthering the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Paying tribute to the memory of all staff members who have lost their lives in the service of the Organization,

Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that reports on human resources management are submitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 52/214 and 53/208;

I

PRINCIPLES

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources as well as of human resources policies with a view to ensuring full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of all policies in this regard;

2. *Also reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for administrative, budgetary and human resources management matters;

3. *Emphasizes* that proposals on the reform of human resources management should be in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, regulations and rules and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and that those proposals which require an amendment of the regulations and rules or a departure from provisions of prior Assembly resolutions shall be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration and approval before their implementation;

4. *Decides* that all issues relating to human resources management, including its reform, shall continue to be considered by the Fifth Committee in the context of the item entitled "Human resources management";

5. *Reiterates* its full support for the Secretary-General as the chief administrative officer of the Organization, and underlines its full respect for his prerogatives and responsibilities under the Charter;

6. *Reaffirms* its support for the integrity and independence of the international civil service;

7. *Reiterates* that no human resources management reform should be either a budget reduction or a staff reduction exercise;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his budget proposals provisions for all resources necessary for the implementation of human resources management policies, and stresses that activities relating to human resources management, including its reform, should be financed according to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and that, where there are requirements for additional resources, the decision should be taken by the General Assembly in accordance with established budgetary procedures and the Financial Regulations and Rules;

9. *Recognizes* that the staff of the United Nations is an invaluable asset of the Organization, commends its contribution to furthering the purposes and principles of the United Nations, and stresses that staff representatives should participate in the process of human resources management reform in accordance with article VIII of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

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[33] A/52/814, A/53/266, A/53/327, A/53/342, A/53/375 and Corr.1, A/53/385, A/53/414, A/53/502 and Add.1, A/53/526 and Add.1, A/53/548, A/53/642, A/C.5/53/L.3 and A/C.5/53/L.39.

[34] A/53/691.

[35] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Fifth Committee*, 22nd meeting (A/C.5/53/SR.22), and corrigendum.

[36] A/C.5/53/34 and Corr.1.

II

ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. *Reiterates* the role, authority and responsibility of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat in establishing human resources policies and guidelines as well as in ensuring compliance with recruitment, placement and career development procedures throughout the Secretariat;

2. *Decides* that the Office of Human Resources Management shall remain the central authority for the monitoring and approval of the recruitment and placement of staff and for the interpretation of the regulations and rules of the Organization and their enforcement;

3. *Notes* the intentions of the Secretary-General outlined in his report on human resources management reform,[37] and looks forward to the proposals the Secretary-General intends to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration;

4. *Recognizes* the central role of the Office of Human Resources Management in ensuring the full implementation of basic human resources mandates set by the General Assembly in the context of recruitment and placement processes;

III

HUMAN RESOURCES PLANNING

Cognizant of the relationship between human resources planning and programme and budgetary planning processes,

Emphasizing that effective human resources planning has an impact on all aspects of human resources management,

1. *Recognizes* the continuing need for central human resources planning within the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat to ensure full implementation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

2. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to establish a Secretariat-wide integrated human resources planning system under the central authority of the Office of Human Resources Management, and requests him to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

3. *Expresses concern* at the growing number of resignations of staff in the Secretariat, in particular of those in the Professional category, and requests the Secretary-General to carry out a study to ascertain the causes of such separations and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of a human resources planning system, including an integrated approach to recruitment policy, job classification and contractual policies, based on the fundamental principles of the Charter and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

5. *Regrets* that some regional commissions and duty stations of the Organization, particularly those in developing countries, have a high vacancy rate, which consequently hampers the execution of their respective mandates, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure the proper mobility of staff between all the regional commissions and duty stations to correct this situation;

6. *Reaffirms* that staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary-General and to assignment by him to any of the activities and offices of the United Nations, in accordance with staff regulation 1.2;

7. *Emphasizes* the requirement of mobility of all internationally recruited staff of the Organization as an integral part of their obligation, and requests the Secretary-General to give full consideration to the need for greater mobility in the context of human resources planning, in accordance with staff regulation 1.2 (*c*), and to include any problems in increasing staff mobility and possible measures for their solution, as appropriate, in his report on human resources management to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish mechanisms towards, and to implement a policy of, enhanced mobility across functions, departments and duty stations, and encourages him to explore, through the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the possibility of enhancing mobility among organizations of the United Nations system and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on progress made;

IV

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Recalling its resolution 49/222 A, by which it endorsed the new strategy for human resources management,

1. *Recognizes* the need to promote responsibility and accountability of staff members at all levels;

2. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to streamline administrative procedures further and to eliminate duplication in relation to human resources management through the delegation of authority to programme managers, and requests him to ensure, before delegating such authority, that well designed mechanisms of accountability, including the necessary internal monitoring and control procedures, as well as training, are put in place, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

3. *Also notes* that no comprehensive system of accountability and responsibility has been established;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, while preparing his report on the system of accountability and responsibility, to include the following elements as well as the elements enumerated in section E, paragraph 5, of General Assembly resolution 48/218 A of 23 December 1993:

(*a*) A mechanism to review the decisions of the programme managers;

(*b*) Back evaluation;

[37] A/53/414.

(*c*) The role of the appointment and promotion bodies and the departmental panels;

(*d*) The role of the programme managers in the preparation and submission of budget proposals as well as programme delivery;

(*e*) The role of coordination, supervision and leadership;

(*f*) The accountability of staff to the Secretary-General in exercising his delegated authority;

(*g*) The degree to which programme evaluation influences personnel performance appraisal;

5. *Emphasizes* that the administrative and managerial discretionary powers of the Secretary-General should be in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the staff, financial and programme planning regulations and mandates given by the General Assembly;

6. *Notes with concern* that some administrative instructions on the delegation of authority do not conform to the provisions of decisions of the General Assembly on this matter, and requests the Secretary-General to comply fully with the decision of the Assembly in this respect;

7. *Reiterates* that every staff member of the United Nations shall be responsible and accountable to the Secretary-General, in accordance with financial rule 114.1 and staff rule 112.3;

8. *Emphasizes* that any delegation of authority should be in accordance with the Charter and regulations and rules of the Organization and should entail clear lines of authority and accountability as well as improvements in the administration of justice, taking into account the central role played by the Office of Human Resources Management in setting the policies and guidelines in respect of the human resources management of the Organization and monitoring their observance and implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, at the main part of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, a consolidated and comprehensive compendium of all administrative circulars on the delegation of authority;

10. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General in section II, paragraph 2, of its resolution 51/226 to enhance managerial accountability with respect to human resources management decisions, including imposing sanctions in cases of demonstrated mismanagement of staff and wilful neglect of or disregard for established rules and procedures, while safeguarding the right of due process of all staff members, including managers;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the internal system of justice in order to ensure the timely, fair and effective administration of justice;

V

RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT

Recognizing the value of staff mobility to the Organization,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity serve as the paramount consideration in the employment of staff, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Reiterates* that the recruitment, appointment and promotion of staff shall be made without distinction as to race, sex or religion, in accordance with principles of the Charter and the provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as a matter of priority, to ascertain whether racial discrimination exists in recruitment, promotion and placement, in order to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the Charter, the regulations and rules of the Organization and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the Assembly at the main part of its fifty-fifth session;

4. *Reiterates* that external vacancy announcements should continue to be submitted to the permanent missions of Member States and be displayed on the notice boards in United Nations premises, as well as posted on the United Nations home page, and decides that they should be effectively circulated on the date of issue and that the deadline for the submission of applications should be at least two months from the date of issue;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate internal vacancy announcements to permanent missions when issued;

6. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 8 of its report on internal vacancies in the Secretariat;[38]

7. *Reaffirms* the policy of the Secretary-General to circulate vacancies for posts at the P-5 level and above both internally and externally;

8. *Decides* that the Secretary-General may consider external candidates for posts at the P-4 level, while giving fullest regard, in filling these posts, to the requisite qualifications and experience of staff already in the service of the United Nations;

9. *Notes with concern* that the Secretary-General, in his report on human resources management,[39] approved seventeen exceptions for the recruitment of gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former

[38] A/53/691.

[39] A/53/342, paras. 91–94.

Yugoslavia since 1991, in contravention of section III.B, paragraph 26, of General Assembly resolution 51/226;

10. *Reaffirms* the provisions of section III.B, paragraph 26, of its resolution 51/226, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance in the future;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General not to extend the current contracts of the personnel mentioned in paragraph 9 above and, in this context, to ensure full compliance with the current recruitment procedures of the International Tribunal;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, while filling vacant posts in language services in the Secretariat, to ensure the highest performance of translation and interpretation in all six official languages;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to improve existing recruitment and placement procedures with a view to making them simpler, more transparent and more timely;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, without exception, uniform application of the regulations and rules of the Organization in all departments of the Secretariat, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

15. *Urges* the Secretary-General, when making appointments to posts subject to geographical distribution, to continue and intensify his efforts to ensure that all Member States, in particular unrepresented and under-represented Member States, are adequately represented in the Secretariat, bearing in mind the need to increase the number of staff recruited from Member States below the mid-point of their desirable ranges;

16. *Reaffirms* that the national competitive examination programme is a useful tool for selecting the best-qualified candidates from inadequately represented Member States, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to hold the examinations for posts subject to geographical distribution at the P-2 and, if necessary, P-3 levels;

17. *Urges* the Secretary-General strictly to comply with the principle that appointment to P-2 posts and to posts requiring special language competence for conference services be made exclusively through competitive examinations, and requests, in this context, that he include in his future reports the information justifying non-compliance with that principle;

18. *Reaffirms* the policy that appointments at the P-3 level shall normally be made through competitive examinations;

19. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that candidates selected through national competitive examinations are placed in a timely fashion and that special efforts are made to recruit candidates from the national competitive examinations roster against existing vacancies until these rosters are cleared;

20. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to adapt the number of occupational groups selected for national competitive examinations to the requirements of the Organization, with a view to facilitating the placement and future mobility of selected candidates in the Organization, and to report on the number of candidates placed by department or office as well as on possible failures to place successful candidates, including the reasons therefor, in his report on human resources management to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

21. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to offer or to continue to offer probationary appointments to all staff members who have passed a competitive recruitment examination and to consider such staff members for conversion to permanent appointment after successful completion of the period of probationary service;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the realignment with the national competitive examination of the competitive examination for promotion to the Professional category and above of staff members from other categories, in particular regarding academic qualifications and equitable geographical distribution, as well as equal treatment with regard to probationary appointments;

23. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to implement section V, paragraph 2, of resolution 51/226, and encourages him to continue his efforts with a view to increasing the share of fixed-term appointments throughout the Secretariat;

24. *Reaffirms* that secondment from government service is consistent with Articles 100 and 101 of the Charter and is beneficial to both the Organization and Member States, and urges the Secretary-General to pursue this practice on a wider scale, as appropriate;

25. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to present detailed proposals on the dual-track system of career and non-career appointments, and requests him to submit them to the General Assembly, taking into account the experience of other international and regional organizations in human resources management and benefiting from worldwide experience in human resources management outside the Organization as well as from the work being done in this field by the International Civil Service Commission;

26. *Requests* the Commission to prepare a study on the question of the fixed-term contracts in the United Nations, taking into account the needs and interests of the Organization and current trends in personnel management;

VI

STAFF DEVELOPMENT: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Recognizing that career development is an indispensable part of effective personnel management,

Noting the objectives of the Secretary-General with regard to staff development, performance management and career support,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the performance appraisal system is applicable to all staff within the meaning of Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts for the consistent application of the performance appraisal system throughout the Secretariat;

3. *Approves* the step-by-step approach to performance recognition as set forth in paragraphs 24 to 34 of the report of the Secretary-General on performance management;[40]

4. *Takes note* of the proposals on the need to address the issue of underperformance in paragraphs 35 to 43 of the report referred to in paragraph 3 above, and requests the Secretary-General to submit revised policy proposals to deal systematically and effectively with underperformance;

5. *Notes with concern* that no comprehensive and systematic career development policy has yet been developed by the Secretary-General, and reiterates its request that such a policy be developed on a priority basis in the interest of maintaining a strong and efficient international civil service, in accordance with the principles enshrined in Article 101 of the Charter;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the further enhancement of the career development system of the Organization, to implement a transparent promotion policy, augmented by the effective use of a simplified and appropriate performance appraisal system, adequate training and competitive examinations, in order to provide for the recognition of competence and outstanding performance and to facilitate the continuous professional growth of staff at all levels;

7. *Notes* the initiatives undertaken so far by the Secretary-General with regard to staff training;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider opening staff training courses, as appropriate, to members of permanent missions, within the framework of the approved budget, and without prejudice to meeting the staff training needs of the Organization;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to streamline the personnel manual;

VII

EMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations on the employment of retirees, contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[34]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to have recourse to the employment of retirees only if the operational requirements of the Organization cannot be met by existing staff;

[40] A/53/266.

VIII

CONSULTANTS AND INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS

1. *Endorses* the new definitions of consultants and individual contractors as contained in the report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive guidelines for the use of consultants in the Secretariat;[41]

2. *Notes with concern* the observation of the Board of Auditors that the inadequacies earlier identified by the Board in the hiring of consultants persist;[42]

3. *Reiterates its request* that the recommendations of the Board of Auditors as endorsed in General Assembly resolution 51/226 and its resolution 53/204 of 18 December 1998 be fully implemented, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report through the Board to the Assembly at the main part of its fifty-fourth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on consultants hired by the United Nations during the preceding year, with an indication of their functions;

5. *Takes note* of the comments on consultants made by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 15 of its report,[34] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with the provisions of section VI, paragraph 7, of its resolution 51/226;

6. *Reiterates* that the Secretary-General should refrain from using consultants to carry out functions assigned to established posts and that consultants should be hired only in accordance with the existing rules and relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and where in-house expertise is not available in the Organization;

7. *Emphasizes* that, in areas where consultants are frequently hired for a period of more than one year, the Secretary-General should submit proposals, where necessary, for the establishment of posts;

8. *Stresses* that consultants should generally not receive training at the expense of the United Nations;

9. *Notes with concern* that 31 per cent of contractors were hired from only four Member States and were paid 38 per cent of total fees during the biennium 1996–1997, and requests the Secretary-General to take remedial measures in this regard;

10. *Reaffirms* the principle contained in a recommendation of the Board of Auditors and endorsed in General Assembly resolution 51/226 that the objective of attracting consultants on a wider geographical basis should be achieved, *inter alia*, by fixing appropriate norms and by closer interaction with substantive offices and requesting units at all duty stations;

11. *Takes note* of the guidelines contained in the report of the Secretary-General[41] subject to the following provisions:

[41] See A/53/385.

[42] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/53/5), vol. I, chap. II.

(*a*) There should be a separation of functions between the requesting officers and the officer who processes the contract;

(*b*) The approved terms of reference should form part of the contract;

(*c*) The selection of consultants and individual contractors should be on a wider geographical basis and the question of travel expenses should not distort the geographical balance in the awarding of contracts;

(*d*) In the awarding of contracts, gender balance should be achieved without prejudice to wide geographical distribution;

(*e*) The Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat should have authority to take a final decision on whether further contracts should be awarded to contractors in the case of an unsatisfactory performance evaluation by a programme manager;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the revised guidelines as a matter of priority, throughout the Secretariat, with a view to ensuring full compliance;

IX

COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. *Notes with concern* that twenty-four Member States were unrepresented and ten under-represented in the Secretariat as at 30 June 1998;[43]

2. *Also notes with concern* the significant reduction in the number of posts subject to geographical distribution at the P-2 and P-3 levels, as well as the increase in such posts at the D-2 and Assistant Secretary-General levels;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, as a matter of priority, to address the imbalance in the post structure of the Secretariat in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, bearing in mind that more than one hundred posts subject to geographical distribution at the director level will be vacated by 2002 owing to the retirement of the present incumbents;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when submitting future reports on the composition of the Secretariat, to discontinue the established practice of showing the representation of staff according to major geographical groupings as referred to in annex II to his report,[44] and to list countries in alphabetical order;

5. *Recalls* that, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary-General and such staff as the Organization may require;

6. *Reaffirms* that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States, including at the highest levels, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, as a general rule, no national of a Member State succeeds a national of that State in a senior post and that there is no monopoly on senior posts by nationals of any State or group of States;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all the necessary measures to ensure, at the senior and policy-making levels of the Secretariat, the equitable representation of Member States, especially those unrepresented and under-represented, in particular developing countries, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and to include relevant information thereon in all future reports on the composition of the Secretariat;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to increase further his efforts to improve the composition of the Secretariat by ensuring a wide and equitable geographical distribution of staff in all departments;

9. *Takes note* of the observation in the report of the Secretary-General on the composition of the Secretariat[45] with regard to the anticipated vacancies in posts subject to geographical distribution, and requests the Secretary-General, when filling those vacancies, to take into account the continuing inequitable representation among the Member States;

10. *Urges* all Member States, in particular those with inadequate representation in the Secretariat, to make every effort to identify qualified candidates for consideration for appointment in the Secretariat, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, among equally qualified candidates, preference is given to candidates from under-represented Member States;

X

STATUS OF WOMEN IN THE SECRETARIAT

Reaffirming section VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming also that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibility for the administrative and budgetary matters relating to the question of the status of women in the Secretariat,

1. *Decides* that all reports dealing with administrative and budgetary aspects of the status of women in the Secretariat shall be considered by the Fifth Committee;

2. *Notes* that, while there has been improvement in the status of women in the Secretariat, the rate of progress in the representation of women from developing countries, particularly at the senior level, has been very slow, and in this context urges the Secretary-General to make greater efforts to redress this situation in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

3. *Recalls* its resolution 53/119 of 9 December 1998, including the reaffirmation of the goal of 50/50 gender distribution by the year 2000 in all categories of posts within the United Nations system, especially at the D-1 level and

[43] A/53/375 and Corr.1, para. 16.

[44] A/53/375 and Corr.1.

[45] Ibid., para. 102.

above, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution, in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter, and taking into account the continuing lack of representation or under-representation of women from certain countries, in particular from developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition;

4. *Notes with concern* the imbalance in the representation of women from different regions, and requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate remedial action when pursuing the goal of 50/50 gender distribution;

5. *Decides* that the objective of 50/50 gender distribution by the year 2000 should be pursued in compliance with the provisions of Articles 8 and 101 of the Charter and staff regulation 4.3 in order to ensure equal opportunities for qualified women and men in recruitment and promotion;

XI

STAFF-MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS

1. *Takes note* of the views of the staff representatives;[36]

2. *Emphasizes* the need further to improve the staff-management consultative process in all issues relating to human resources management;

3. *Reaffirms* the need for the Secretary-General to use, to the fullest extent, the staff-management consultative mechanisms set out in staff rule 108.2;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take into account the views of staff representatives, in accordance with article VIII of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and its resolution 35/213;

XII

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF REGULATIONS AND RULES

Recalling its resolution 52/252,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the issuance of the report requested in paragraph 10 of its resolution 52/252;

2. *Decides* that staff rule 101.3 (*c*) should read:

"(*c*) Performance reports shall be prepared regularly for all staff members, including at the Assistant Secretary-General level and above, in accordance with procedures promulgated by the Secretary-General.";

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to publish an index to the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that revised staff regulations and rules, or amendments thereto, are issued in a timely manner after their approval by the General Assembly.

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

53/222. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti[46] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[47]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, and 1086 (1996) of 5 December 1996, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 1997,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period,

Bearing in mind further Security Council resolutions 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti, and 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 November 1999,

Recalling its resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the Support Mission and its subsequent decisions and resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/246 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Missions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Missions, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Missions by certain Governments,

[46] A/53/789.

[47] A/53/846.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti as at 28 February 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.9 million United States dollars, representing 20 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Support Mission to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 37 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation of the Organization, in particular with regard to reimbursements to troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Missions in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[47]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Civilian Police Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Civilian Police Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 12,264,015 dollars gross (11,577,615 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of 17,704,685 dollars gross (16,959,085 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/246 and inclusive of the amount of 3 million dollars gross and net authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 17,704,685 dollars gross (16,959,085 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 52/246, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 12,264,015 dollars gross (11,577,615 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 686,400 dollars approved for the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Civilian Police Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-third session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti".

97th plenary meeting
7 April 1999

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti[48] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[49]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 1063 (1996) of 28 June 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, and 1086 (1996) of 5 December 1996, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 31 July 1997,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 1123 (1997) of 30 July 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti for a single four-month period,

Bearing in mind further Security Council resolutions 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, by which the Council established the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti, and 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 November 1999,

[48] A53/769 and A/53/789/Add.1.

[49] A/53/895 and Add.7.

Recalling its resolution 51/15 A of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the Support Mission and its subsequent decisions and resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/222 A of 7 April 1999,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Missions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Missions, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Missions by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Missions with the necessary financial resources to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 23.8 million United States dollars, representing 21 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Support Mission to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 27 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Missions in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[50]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Civilian Police Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Civilian Police Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, that the special arrangements approved in its resolution 51/15 B of 13 June 1997 for the Support Mission, with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Support Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution, shall be applied to the Transition Mission and the Civilian Police Mission;

9. *Decides also* to appropriate the amount of 18,641,616 dollars gross (17,618,416 dollars net) for the maintenance and liquidation of the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 927,537 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 181,879 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned as an ad hoc arrangement among Member States, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,023,200 dollars approved for the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Missions, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 906,800 dollars gross (865,200 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Missions, their share of the unencumbered balance of 906,800 dollars gross (865,200 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

[50] A/53/895/Add.7.

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Civilian Police Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in all future reports, both on budget performance and budget estimates, information on inventory in a standard and simplified format;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti".

101st plenary meeting
8 June 1999

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the Civilian Police Mission in Haiti until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received, shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

53/225. Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[51] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[52]

1. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[52]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a detailed report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, through the Advisory Committee, on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization, taking into account the reports[53] mentioned in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee, including procedures for determining gross negligence and the financial and other responsibilities to be incurred by those who have committed such negligence, and preventive measures to identify the risk factors that expose the Organization to management irregularities and measures to improve internal control and accountability.

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53/226. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[54] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[55]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974, by which the Council established the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was Security Council resolution 1211 (1998) of 25 November 1998,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/236 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in

[51] A/53/849.

[52] A/53/954.

[53] A/AC.243/1994/L.3 and A/49/418.

[54] A/53/779 and Add.1 and Corr.1.

[55] A/53/895 and Add.1.

General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.6 million United States dollars, representing 1.4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 31 May 1999, notes that some 15 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[56]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to expedite the process of improving the working conditions of the local staff in the Force, taking into account the difficulties arising from the relocation of Force headquarters from Damascus to Camp Faouar, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

9. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 35,351,308 dollars gross (34,618,408 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 1,758,908 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 344,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned among Member States at the monthly rate of 2,945,942 dollars gross (2,884,867 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 732,900 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,085,300 dollars gross (887,600 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,085,300 dollars gross (887,600 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to credit back to Member States in a phased manner not to exceed three years, beginning with 5.6 million dollars during the current session of the General Assembly, according to the procedures contained in paragraphs 9 to 12 above, the net surplus balance of 13,622,162 dollars held in the suspense account for the Force;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the

[56] A/53/895/Add.1.

United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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53/227. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 51/233 of 13 June 1997 and 52/237 of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon[57] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[58]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 425 (1978) of 19 March 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1223 (1999) of 28 January 1999,

Recalling its resolution S-8/2 of 21 April 1978 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/237,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Concerned that the Secretary-General continues to face difficulties in meeting the obligations of the Force on a current basis, including reimbursement to current and former troop-contributing States,

Concerned also that the surplus balances in the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have been used to meet expenses of the Force in order to compensate for the lack of income resulting from non-payment and late payment by Member States of their contributions,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 119,646,994 United States dollars, representing 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Force to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 12 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, particularly those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its deep concern* that Israel did not comply with General Assembly resolutions 51/233 and 52/237;

3. *Stresses once again* that Israel should strictly abide by General Assembly resolutions 51/233 and 52/237;

4. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

6. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[59]

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue his efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

10. *Decides* to revise the amount of the commitment authority granted in paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 51/233 in connection with the costs resulting from the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996 and, correspondingly, the amount to be borne by Israel as decided in paragraph 8 of the same resolution, from 1,773,618 dollars to 1,284,633 dollars;

11. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 51/233 and paragraph 5 of resolution 52/237, stresses once again that Israel shall pay the amount of 1,284,633 dollars resulting from

[57] A/53/797 and A/53/819.

[58] A/53/895 and Add.1.

[59] A/53/895/Add.1.

the incident at Qana on 18 April 1996, and requests the Secretary-General to report on this matter to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

12. *Takes note* of the additional requirements of 57,600 dollars gross (844,000 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, which will be covered by the liquidation of obligations no longer required for that period;

13. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of 148,904,683 dollars gross (144,875,283 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 7,407,886 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,452,597 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

14. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 12,397,474 dollars gross (12,061,690 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999 , in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

15. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 335,784 dollars approved for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999;

16. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 136,372,209 dollars gross (132,678,593 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of 12,397,474 dollars gross (12,061,690 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 31 July 1999;

17. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,693,616 dollars approved for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

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53/228. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola[60] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[61]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 626 (1988) of 20 December 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Angola Verification Mission, 696 (1991) of 30 May 1991, by which the Council decided to entrust a new mandate to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II), 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, by which the Council authorized the establishment of a peacekeeping operation (thenceforth called the United Nations Angola Verification Mission III), 1118 (1997) of 30 June 1997, by which the Council decided to establish, as from 1 July 1997, the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola, and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1229 (1999) of 26 February 1999,

Recalling its resolution 43/231 of 16 February 1989 on the financing of the Verification Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, and resolution 53/211 of 18 December 1998 on the financing of the Observer Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

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[60] A/53/908 and A/53/937.

[61] A/53/957.

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 144.9 million United States dollars, representing 12 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Verification Mission to the period ending 30 June 1997 and from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 6 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[61]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the liquidation of the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Expresses concern* that the Secretary-General did not submit a report before the second part of the resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly on the status of implementation of measures taken or initiated to address appropriately the issues, observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[62] and other related actions taken by the Observer Mission and the Secretariat, as requested in paragraph 9 of Assembly resolution 52/8 C of 26 June 1998 and in paragraph 8 of its resolution 53/211, and requests the Secretary-General to submit that report no later than 30 June 1999;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola the amount of 7,441,540 dollars gross (7, 083,840 dollars net) for the liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 369,153 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 72,387 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 357,700 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

10. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 149,720 dollars gross (49,625 dollars net) in respect of the period from 3 January 1989 to 30 September 1994;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 149,720 dollars gross (49,625 dollars net) in respect of the period from 3 January 1989 to 30 September 1994 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 4,571,900 dollars gross (4,275,100 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 4,571,900 dollars gross (4,275,100 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

[62] A/52/881, annex.

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola".

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53/229. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission[63] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[64]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recalling also its resolution 45/260 of 3 May 1991 on the financing of the Observation Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/238 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observation Mission that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation for the substantial voluntary contributions made to the Observation Mission by the Government of Kuwait and the contributions of other Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.8 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 April 1999, notes that some 21 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its continued appreciation* of the decision of the Government of Kuwait to defray two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, effective 1 November 1993;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

5. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observation Mission in full and on time;

6. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[65]

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observation Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of 53,991,024 dollars gross (51,996,124 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 2,686,445 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 526,779 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, a two-thirds share of this amount, equivalent to 34,664,080 dollars, to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

10. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Observation Mission, equivalent to 34,664,080 dollars, to apportion among Member States the amount of 19,326,944 dollars gross (17,332,044 dollars net), representing one third of the cost of the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, the said amount to be apportioned at a monthly rate of 1,610,579 dollars gross (1,444,337 dollars net), in accordance with the composition of

[63] A/53/782 and A/53/817.

[64] A/53/895 and Add.2.

[65] A/53/895/Add.2.

groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission;

11. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,994,900 dollars approved for the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

12. *Decides* that, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of the two-thirds share of the cost of the Observation Mission, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,339,300 dollars gross (1,028,100 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 3,395,500 dollars gross (3,084,300 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

13. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,339,300 dollars gross (1,028,100 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

14. *Decides further* that two thirds of the net unencumbered balance of 3,084,300 dollars, equivalent to 2,056,200 dollars, shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

15. *Expresses concern* that the Secretary-General did not submit to the General Assembly during the main part of its fifty-third session the separate report on developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off, including measures taken with respect to those responsible for the overpayment on the basis of the conclusion of the inquiry, as requested in paragraph 18 of Assembly resolution 52/238, and requests the Secretary-General to submit that report to the Assembly no later than 30 June 1999;

16. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission".

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53/230. Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 52/239 of 26 June 1998,

Recalling also its decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia[66] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[67]

1. *Notes with concern* that the provisions of its decision 52/485 have not been complied with, and reiterates that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification of items written off and lost;

2. *Expresses its deep concern* regarding the losses of the United Nations property in this mission;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General relating to the losses of United Nations assets in peacekeeping operations;[66]

4. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraphs 49 to 55 of its report;[67]

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in respect of the period 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997 on losses of United Nations property in peacekeeping operations to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the safety of United Nations assets and the need to have accountability procedures in place to deter and penalize those responsible for the losses of United Nations property and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

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[66] A/53/340.

[67] A/53/895.

53/231. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[68] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[69]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, by which the Council established the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1217 (1998) of 22 December 1998,

Recalling also its resolution 52/241 of 26 June 1998 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force that are not covered by voluntary contributions are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Expressing its appreciation to all those Member States and observer States which have made voluntary contributions to the Special Account established for the financing of the Force during the period prior to 16 June 1993,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[70]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 17.7 million United States dollars, representing 12.7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from 16 June 1993 to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[71]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

8. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of 45,630,927 dollars gross (43,892,427 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of an amount of 2,270,759 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and the amount of 445,268 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

9. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to 14,630,810 dollars, by the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece, to apportion among Member States the amount of 24,500,117 dollars gross (22,761,617 dollars net), for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of 2,041,676 dollars gross (1,896,801 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by

[68] A/53/783 and Corr.1 and A/53/805.

[69] A/53/895 and Add.3.

[70] See *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994*, document S/1994/647.

[71] A/53/895/Add.3.

the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000 as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force beyond 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,738,500 dollars approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 178,500 dollars gross (6,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 178,500 dollars gross (6,300 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Decides further* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".

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53/232. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[72] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[73]

Recalling Security Council resolution 854 (1993) of 6 August 1993, by which the Council approved the deployment of an advance team of up to ten United Nations military observers for a period of three months and the incorporation of the advance team into a United Nations observer mission if such a mission was formally established by the Council,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Observer Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1225 (1999) of 28 January 1999,

Recalling further its decision 48/475 A of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Observer Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/242 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observer Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observer Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 8.8 million United States dollars, representing 11 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Mission to the period ending 30 June 1999, notes that some 16 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

[72] A/53/821 and A/53/844 and Corr.1 and 2.

[73] A/53/895 and Add.4.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[74]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observer Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Observer Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 290,200 dollars gross (485,200 dollars net), for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of 18,580,500 dollars gross (17,582,100 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/236 of 13 June 1997 and inclusive of the amount of 290,200 dollars gross (485,200 dollars net) from the amount of 1,653,600 dollars authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

9. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of 31,000,479 dollars gross (29,505,279 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 1,541,759 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 302,320 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

10. *Decides further*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 2,583,373 dollars gross (2,458,773 dollars net) for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996, and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

11. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 124,600 dollars approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1 to 31 July 1999;

12. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of 28,417,103 dollars gross (27,046,503 dollars net) for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of 2,583,373 dollars gross (2,458,773 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 31 July 1999;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,370,600 dollars approved for the period from 1 August 1999 to 30 June 2000;

14. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Observer Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

15. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia".

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53/233. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina[75] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[76]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina for an initial period of one year, and Council resolution 1174 (1998) of 15 June 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 21 June 1999,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1222 (1999) of 15 January 1999, in which the Council authorized the United Nations military observers to continue to monitor the demilitarization of the Prevlaka peninsula until 15 July 1999,

Recalling further its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and

[74] A/53/895/Add.4.

[75] A/53/764 and Corr.1 and A/53/800.

[76] A/53/895 and Add.6.

decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/243 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 38 million United States dollars, representing 8 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 21 June 1999, notes that some 42 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[77]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Takes note* of the fact that the amount of 10,608,000 dollars gross (9,987,600 dollars net) authorized by its decision 52/437 of 18 December 1997 was not utilized and, therefore, no appropriation or apportionment of this amount is required;

9. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 178,204,381 dollars gross (168,191,981 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 8,865,888 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 1,738,493 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned, as an ad hoc arrangement, among Member States at a monthly rate of 14,850,365 dollars gross (14,015,998 dollars net) in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission beyond 30 June 1999;

10. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 10,012,400 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

11. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 21,752,900 dollars gross (19,524,600 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

12. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 21,752,900 dollars gross (19,524,600 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

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[77] A/53/895/Add.6.

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

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53/234. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group[78] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[79]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1037 (1996) of 15 January 1996, by which the Council established the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium for an initial period of twelve months, and resolution 1145 (1997) of 19 December 1997, in which the Council noted the termination of the Transitional Administration on 15 January 1998 and established, with effect from 16 January 1998, the Civilian Police Support Group for a single period of up to nine months,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Transitional Administration and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/244 of 26 June 1998,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Transitional Administration and the Support Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Transitional Administration and the Support Group, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Transitional Administration,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to continue to provide the account of the mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 36.3 million United States dollars, representing 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Transitional Administration to the period ending 30 November 1998, notes that some 41 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[80]

6. *Decides* that, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements approved by General Assembly resolution 51/153 B of 13 June 1997 for the Transitional Administration with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Transitional Administration shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution, shall be applied to the Support Group;

7. *Decides also* to authorize the Secretary-General to utilize an amount of 601,200 dollars gross (541,500 dollars net) from the resources provided for the period ending 30 June 1998 in order to meet the cost of completing the liquidation of the mission as well as the final audit, inclusive of the amount of 553,400 dollars gross (493,700 dollars net) related to liquidation activities with which the Advisory Committee has already concurred;

8. *Decides further* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Administration and the Support Group shall be credited their respective share of the remaining unencumbered balance of 14,646,100 dollars gross (13,906,700 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998;

[78] A/53/742 and A/53/838 and Corr.1.

[79] A/53/895 and A/53/897.

[80] A/53/897.

9. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their obligations to the Transitional Administration and the Support Group, their share of the remaining unencumbered balance of 14,646,100 dollars gross (13,906,700 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Transitional Administration and the Support Group;[81]

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group".

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Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the Civilian Police Support Group until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

53/235. Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala[82] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[83]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1094 (1997) of 20 January 1997, in which the Council authorized the attachment to the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala of a group of one hundred and fifty-five military observers and requisite medical personnel for a period of three months,

Recalling also its resolution 51/228 of 3 April 1997 on the financing of the Observer Group,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Group, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to continue to provide the account for the Observer Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 298,613 United States dollars, representing 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Group to the period ending 31 May 1997, notes that some 55 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

[81] A/53/838 and Corr.1.

[82] A/53/775.

[83] A/53/895 and A/53/898.

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Group in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[84] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Observer Group with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments which provided contingents and/or logistic support for the Observer Group shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 184,200 dollars gross (140,500 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 68,983 dollars and interest income of 38,653 dollars;

8. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group, their share in the unencumbered balance of 184,200 dollars gross (140,500 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 68,983 dollars and interest income of 38,653 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

9. *Decides further* to transfer to the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the Special Account for the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala;

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of assets of the Observer Group;[82]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the safety of United Nations assets and that there are accountability procedures in place to deter and penalize those responsible for the losses of the United Nations property and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

12. *Notes with concern* that the provisions of its decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998 have not been complied with, and reiterates that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification for items written off and lost;

13. *Requests* the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the final disposition of assets of the Observer Group, in particular of assets sold and written off, and include its recommendations in the audit report for the period July 1998 to June 1999.

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Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

53/236. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/1 B of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[85] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[86]

Stressing the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[85]

[84] A/53/898.

[85] A/53/776 and A/53/815.

[86] A/53/895 and Add.8.

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the effective and timely completion of the clearing of the backlog in the inventory, and requests the Secretary-General to give priority to the full implementation of a single database for the field assets control system;

3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[87]

4. *Concurs* with the observations of the Advisory Committee on the cost-benefit analysis;

5. *Urges* the International Civil Service Commission to finalize its work on the review of the rate of post adjustment for the Logistics Base and report thereon before the end of the main part of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next budget submission, to indicate clearly, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, the resources required for the Logistics Base to perform its basic functions;

7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take additional steps with a view to wider use of the Logistics Base by the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 12 and 34 of its report;[87]

8. *Approves* the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to 7,456,500 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

9. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,373,600 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, and also decides to prorate the balance of 6,082,900 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, ten Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;

11. *Decides* to consider during its fifty-fourth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

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53/237. Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[88]

Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, in this connection:

(*a*) Requests the Secretary-General to conduct the review recommended in paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[88] in consultation with Member States, through established mechanisms;

(*b*) Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his next report on the support account information on the implications of the implementation of the review recommended in paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee.

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53/238. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic[89] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[90]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1159 (1998) of 27 March 1998, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1230 (1999) of 26 February 1999,

Recalling its resolution 52/249 of 26 June 1998 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

[87] A/53/895/Add.8.

[88] A/53/895.

[89] A/53/791 and A/53/939.

[90] A/53/971.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.9 million United States dollars, representing 34 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 November 1998, notes that some 26 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[8]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support for the Mission shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of 34,309,800 dollars gross (33,860,700 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of 29,105,850 dollars gross (28,369,350 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/249 and inclusive of the amount of 18,111,200 dollars gross (17,728,700 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

10. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 29,105,850 gross (28,369,350 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/249, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 34,309,800 dollars gross (33,860,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

11. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 449,100 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

12. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 33,367,875 dollars gross (32,572,675 dollars net) for the operation and liquidation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 1,659,640 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 325,435 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned as an ad hoc arrangement among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 795,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

14. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,893,000 dollars gross (1,791,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

15. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,893,000 dollars gross (1,791,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

16. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic".

101st plenary meeting
8 June 1999

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

53/240. Question of East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in East Timor[91] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[92]

Recalling its decision 53/472 of 25 May 1999, wherein it authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to 35 million United States dollars, from all sources of funds, for the initial requirements of United Nations activities related to East Timor,

1. *Notes* that the budget proposed by the Secretary-General amounts to 52,531,100 United States dollars gross;

2. *Reiterates* that the expenses of the Organization shall be borne by Member States as apportioned by the General Assembly;

3. *Notes* that the contributions received so far for the Trust Fund for the Settlement of the Question of East Timor amount to 21,731,700 dollars and that further contributions may be received;

4. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the United Nations Mission in East Timor in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the financial regulations, rules, procedures and practices established by the General Assembly concerning such contributions;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to all those Member States which have made voluntary contributions to the Mission;

6. *Decides* to appropriate an amount of 52,531,100 dollars for the Mission, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission;

7. *Decides also* that the amount to be assessed will be determined after the review of the report which the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, taking into account voluntary contributions received;

8. *Decides further* that such assessments as will be necessary shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997.

103rd plenary meeting
29 June 1999

53/241. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[93] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[94]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Acknowledging the complexity of the activities envisaged in the Mission,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance

[91] A/C.5/53/63.

[92] A/53/7/Add.14. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[93] A/53/238/Add.1.

[94] A/53/1019.

with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo in full and on time;

3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Deeply regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain adequate and precise information to substantiate fully the request submitted;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 200 million United States dollars, inclusive of the amount of 50 million dollars authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the operation of the Mission under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission;

8. *Decides*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 125 million dollars among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

9. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

11. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, as a matter of priority, a comprehensive report on the financing of the Mission, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources until the time of the submission of the report, to enable the General Assembly to take action on it at the earliest opportunity;

13. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit the full budget to the General Assembly by the end of September or early October 1999;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

105th plenary meeting
28 July 1999

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

53/308. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

B[1]

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected the COMOROS a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 18 February 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2001.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (*a*) of agenda item 16 on the agenda of its fifty-third session for the election, at a later date, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council, of a member to the seat remaining to be filled on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

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At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nomination by the Economic and Social Council[3] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected PORTUGAL a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 7 April 1999 and expiring on 31 December 1999.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-four Member States: ARGENTINA,* AUSTRIA,* BAHAMAS,** BENIN,*** BRAZIL,* CAMEROON,* CHINA,*** COMOROS,*** CONGO,* EGYPT,*** FRANCE,** GERMANY,* INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAPAN,*** MEXICO,** NICARAGUA,* NIGERIA,* PAKISTAN,* POLAND,* PORTUGAL,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** THAILAND,* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,* UGANDA,** UKRAINE,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** URUGUAY,*** ZAMBIA** and ZIMBABWE.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

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[1] Consequently, decision 53/308, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/308 A.

[2] See Economic and Social Council decision 1999/210 of 5 February 1999; see also A/53/440/Add.1.

[3] See Economic and Social Council decision 1999/210 B of 25 March 1999; see also A/53/440/Add.2.

53/309. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

B[4]

At its 99th plenary meeting, on 24 May 1999, the General Assembly decided to endorse the recommendation of the Secretary-General,[5] endorsed by the Security Council in its resolution 1241 (1999) of 19 May 1999,[6] that Judge Lennart Aspegren, once replaced as a member of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, would finish the *Rutaganda* and *Musema* cases which he had begun before expiry of his term of office. The Assembly also took note of the intention of the Tribunal to finish those cases if possible before 31 January 2000.

53/312. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

B[7]

At its 106th plenary meeting, on 2 September 1999, the General Assembly appointed Mr. Vladimir V. Kuznetsov as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 2 September 1999 and expiring on 31 December 1999 as a result of the resignation of Mr. Leonid E. Bidnyi.[8]

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Ms. Denise ALMAO (*New Zealand*),* Mr. Ammar AMARI (*Tunisia*),* Mr. Ioan BARAC (*Romania*),** Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),* Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),* Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),*** Mr. Hasan JAWARNEH (*Jordan*),** Mr. Ahmad KAMAL (*Pakistan*),*** Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Mahamane Amadou MAIGA (*Mali*),** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),** Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),** Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),*** Mr. Nicholas A. THORNE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Fumiaki TOYA (*Japan*)*** and Mr. Gian Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

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[4] Consequently, decision 53/309, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/309 A.

[5] A/53/960.

[6] A/53/964.

[7] Consequently, decision 53/312, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/312 A.

[8] A/53/101/Add.1.

53/316. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

B[9]

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed Ms. Marsha A. Echols as a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2001 as a result of the resignation of Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix AMERASINGHE (*Sri Lanka*),** Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),* Ms. Marsha A. ECHOLS (*United States of America*)*** Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),* Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),*** Mr. Victor Yenyi OLUNGU (*Democratic Republic of the Congo*)** and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (*France*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/317. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission

B[11]

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[12] appointed Mr. José Ramón Sanchis Muñoz as a member of the International Civil Service Commission for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2002 as a result of the death of Mr. Carlos S. Vegega.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[13] designated Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and expiring on 31 December 2002.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),*** Chairman; Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),*** Vice-Chairman; Ms. Corazon ALMA de LEÓN (*Philippines*),* Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),** Mrs. Turkia DADDAH (*Mauritania*),*** Mr. Alexei FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),*Mr. Humayun KABIR (*Bangladesh*),* Mr. João Augusto de MEDICIS (*Brazil*),** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),* Mr. José

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[9] Consequently, decision 53/316, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/316 A.

[10] A/53/711/Add.1, para. 5.

[11] Consequently, decision 53/317, in section A of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/317 A.

[12] A/53/712/Add.1, para. 9 (*a*).

[13] Ibid., para. 9 (*b*).

Ramón SANCHIS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),*** Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),** Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*),*** Mr. Ku TASHIRO (*Japan*)** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

53/320. Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, and on the recommendation of the President,[14] appointed Mr. Sumihiro Kuyama as a member of the Joint Inspection Unit for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000 and expiring on 31 December 2004.

As a result, the Joint Inspection Unit is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*), * Mr. Fatih BOUAYAD-AGHA (*Algeria*), ** Mr. Armando DUQUE GONZÁLEZ (*Colombia*), *** Mr. John D. FOX (*United States of America*), * Mr. Homero Luis HERNÁNDEZ SÁNCHEZ (*Dominican Republic*), ** Mr. Eduard KUDRIAVTSEV (*Russian Federation*), ** Mr. Sumihiro KUYAMA (*Japan*), **** Mr. Francesco MEZZALAMA (*Italy*), ** Mr. Wolfgang M. MÜNCH (*Germany*), * Mr. Kahlil Issa OTHMAN (*Jordan*)** and Mr. Louis Dominique OUEDRAOGO (*Burkina Faso*).*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2003.
**** Term of office expires on 31 December 2004.

53/321. Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[15] confirmed the extension of the appointment of Mr. Rubens RICUPERO as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for another term of office of four years, beginning on 15 September 1999 and expiring on 14 September 2003.

53/322. Appointment of members of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly, after having recalled its resolution 53/104 of 8 December 1998 whereby, *inter alia*, it had decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country by four members, including one each from African, Asian, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States, to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the regional groups, took note of the appointment by the President of the Assembly of CUBA, HUNGARY and the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA as members of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

As a result, and keeping in mind that one appointment from among the Asian States is still pending, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country is composed as follows: BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, IRAQ, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MALI, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SPAIN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

[14] A/53/110.

[15] A/53/799.

53/323. Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

At its 98th plenary meeting, on 23 April 1999, the General Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General[16] of Mr. Mark Mallock Brown as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

[16] See A/53/237.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

53/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

B[17]

At its 94th plenary meeting, on 18 February 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[18] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 95th plenary meeting, on 23 March 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[19] decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 110 entitled "Human rights questions" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[20] decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 12 entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

At its 98th plenary meeting, on 23 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[21] having waived the relevant provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session an additional sub-item under agenda item 17, entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 99th plenary meeting, on 24 May 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[22] decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 47 entitled "Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994".

At its 102nd plenary meeting, on 23 June 1999, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 112 entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administatrive and financial functioning of the United Nations" and agenda item 119 entitled "Human resources management" directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously the request contained in the letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly.[23]

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 12 July 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[24] having waived the relevant provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 37 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development", in order to consider the request contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, addressed to the President of the Assembly.[25]

At its 106th plenary meeting, on 2 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to consider sub-item (*a*) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions", directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously a note by the Secretary-General.[26]

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 118 entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" directly in plenary meeting in order to consider expeditiously the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions addressed to the President of the General Assembly.[27]

53/406. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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At its 106th plenary meeting, on 2 September 1999, the General Assembly took note of the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions addressed to the President of the General Assembly.[27]

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[17] Consequently, decision 53/402, in section B of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session*, (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/402 A.

[18] A/53/250/Add.3.

[19] A/53/862.

[20] A/53/899.

[21] A/53/237.

[22] A/53/963.

[23] A/53/1001.

[24] A/53/328 and Add.1.

[25] A/53/1015.

[26] A/53/101/Add.1.

[27] A/53/1046.

[28] For decisions 53/406 A and B, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, section B.6; for decision 53/406 C, see section III.B.2 of the present volume.

53/482. Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on a request from the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the twenty-first special session of the General Assembly,[29] decided to authorize the Preparatory Committee to hold a resumed session on 24, 25, 28 and 29 June 1999.

53/483. Extension of the services of the one remaining individual brought in as gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 102nd plenary meeting, on 23 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[23] decided to extend until 31 August 1999 the services of the one remaining individual brought in as gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

53/484. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

At its 104th plenary meeting, on 12 July 1999, the General Assembly, on a request from the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, [25] decided to authorize the Preparatory Committee to hold a resumed half-day session during the week beginning 12 July 1999 in order to enable the Preparatory Committee to formalize the consensus agreements that had been reached and to finish its work on time.

53/486. Resumed session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

At its 106th plenary meeting, on 2 September 1999, the General Assembly took note of the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly.[30]

53/487. Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council,[31] established pursuant to its resolution 48/26 of 3 December 1993:

(*a*) Took note of the report of the Working Group on its work during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly;

(*b*) Decided that the Working Group should continue its work, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions, as well as the views to be expressed during the fifty-fourth session of the Assembly, and submit a report to the Assembly before the end of the fifty-fourth session, including any agreed recommendations.

53/488. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

53/489. Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the sub-item entitled "Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services".

53/490. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte".

53/491. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly".

53/492. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields".

53/493. Question of Cyprus

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Question of Cyprus".

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[29] A/53/902 and Add.1.

[30] A/53/1043.

[31] A/53/47.

53/494. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Improving the financial situation of the United Nations".

53/495. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique".

53/496. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

At its 107th plenary meeting, on 13 September 1999, the General Assembly decided to include in the draft agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services".

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

53/406. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

C[32]

At its 97th plenary meeting on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[33] having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its special session,[34] decided:

(*a*) That the failure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia and Georgia to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations was due to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they should be permitted to vote until 30 June 1999 and that any extension requested should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions;

(*b*) That the failure of the Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau and Nicaragua to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they should be permitted to vote until 30 June 2000 and that any extension requested should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions.

53/461. Death and disability benefits

B[35]

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[36] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits[37] containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1998 on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for incidents of death and disability.

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At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[38] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits[39] containing the quarterly report for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1999 on progress made in clearing the backlog of claims for incidents of death and disability.

53/466. Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[40] decided to resume its consideration of the question of management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization at the second part of its resumed fifty-third session, pending receipt of the relevant information to be provided by the Secretariat and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

53/467. Procurement reform

A

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[40] decided to resume its consideration of the question of procurement reform at the second part of its resumed fifty-third session.

B

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[41] decided to defer consideration of the question of procurement reform until the main part of its fifty-fourth session, with a view to concluding it.

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[32] For decisions 53/406 A and B, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, sect. B.6. For decision 53/406 D, see section III.B.1 of the present volume.

[33] A/53/464/Add.4, para. 6.

[34] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11A* and corrigendum (A/53/11/Add.1 and Corr.1).

[35] Consequently, decision 53/461, in section B.6 of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. II, becomes decision 53/461 A.

[36] A/53/522/Add.2, para. 5.

[37] A/C.5/53/51.

[38] A/53/522/Add.3, para. 17.

[39] A/C.5/53/58.

[40] A/53/521/Add.2, para. 12.

[41] A/53/521/Add.3, para. 8.

53/468. Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[42]

(*a*) Took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures;[43]

(*b*) Expressed its regret that the information requested in General Assembly decision 53/456 of 18 December 1998 had not been submitted;

(*c*) Decided to defer consideration of the question of the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures until the second part of its resumed fifty-third session.

53/469. Programme planning

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[44] decided to transmit the note by the Secretariat on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996–1997[45] to the Committee for Programme and Coordination for consideration at its thirty-ninth session to be held in New York from 7 June to 2 July 1999.

53/470. Pattern of conferences

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[46]

(*a*) Took note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States[47] and on improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;[48]

(*b*) Decided to transmit the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services[49] to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for consideration in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, taking into account the views expressed by Member States in the Fifth Committee.[50]

53/471. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

A

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 7 April 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[51] decided to resume its consideration of the item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B" at the second part of its resumed fifty-third session.

B

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[52] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B" until the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

53/472. Question of East Timor

At its 100th plenary meeting, on 25 May 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[53]

(*a*) Authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to 35 million United States dollars, from all sources of funds, for the initial requirements of United Nations activities related to East Timor, pending further action by the Security Council and the submission of a revised budget by the Secretary-General;

(*b*) Reaffirmed, in accordance with its resolution 45/248 B, section VI, of 21 December 1990, that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and expressed its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters.

53/473. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[54] decided to defer consideration, until the main part of its fifty-fourth session, of the financial report and audited financial statements for the twelve-month period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, and the report of the Board of Auditors on United Nations peacekeeping operations,[55] the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations for the period ending 30 June

[42] A/53/485/Add.2, para. 14.

[43] A/C.5/53/53 and Corr.1.

[44] A/53/743/Add.1, para. 6.

[45] A/C.5/53/CRP.1/Rev.1.

[46] A/53/744/Add.1, para. 6.

[47] A/53/826.

[48] A/53/827.

[49] A/53/833.

[50] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Fifth Committee*, 52nd meeting (A/C.5/53/SR.52), and corrigendum.

[51] A/53/891, para. 4.

[52] A/53/891/Add.1, para. 6.

[53] A/53/485/Add.3, para. 7.

[54] A/53/738/Add.1, para. 5.

[55] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 5* (A/53/5), vol. II.

1998[56] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[57]

53/474. Action taken on certain documents

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[41] decided to defer consideration of the following documents until its fifty-fourth session:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system"[58] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination thereon;[59]

(*b*) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on outsourcing practices;[60]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting part one of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the United Nations system common services at Geneva, entitled "Overview of administrative cooperation and coordination";[61]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on developments in the post structure of the Secretariat;[62]

(*e*) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures;[63]

(*f*) Notes by the Secretary-General on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures;[64]

(*g*) Addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional conference facilities at Addis Ababa and Bangkok;[65]

(*h*) Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes;[66]

(*i*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996;[67]

(*j*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[68]

(*k*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;[69]

(*l*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on final reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services;[70]

(*m*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998.[71]

53/475. United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[72] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships[73] and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,[74] and requested the Secretary-General to continue to inform the Assembly, on a regular basis, about the activities of the Fund.

53/476. Modalities for operating the Development Account

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[72] decided to defer consideration of the question of modalities for operating the Development Account until the main part of its fifty-fourth session, with a view to finalizing it prior to its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001.

53/477. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters; financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II; financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti; and financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[75]

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[56] A/53/932.

[57] A/53/940.

[58] See A/52/338.

[59] A/52/338/Add.1.

[60] A/53/942.

[61] A/53/787.

[62] A/53/955.

[63] A/53/947.

[64] A/52/852 and A/C.5/53/53 and Corr.1.

[65] A/53/347/Add.1.

[66] A/51/801.

[67] A/51/432, annex.

[68] A/51/530 and Corr.1, annex.

[69] A/52/426, annex.

[70] A/52/464, annex.

[71] A/53/428, annex.

[72] A/53/485/Add.4, para. 13.

[73] A/53/700 and Add.1.

[74] A/53/7/Add.11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7*.

[75] A/53/990, para. 6.

(*a*) Took note of the notes by the Secretary-General[76] and the relevant section[77] of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to address the outstanding issues in connection with the preparation of the related final performance information;

(*c*) Approved, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support for the Operation shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present decision;

(*d*) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the items entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters", "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II", "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" and "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Operation in Somalia II until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received, shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

[76] A/C.5/53/52, A/C.5/53/55, A/C.5/53/56 and A/C.5/53/57.

[77] A/53/895, sect. III.

53/478. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[78] having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia[79] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[80] and recalling its resolution 51/3 C of 13 June 1997 and its decision 52/407 of 31 October 1997 on the financing of the Observer Mission:

(*a*) Endorsed the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[81]

(*b*) Decided, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 5,111,775 United States dollars gross (4,729,575 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/3 C, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 7 of resolution 51/3 C, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, as set out in its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 and decision 50/471 A of 23 December 1995, and the scale of assessments for the year 1998, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

(*c*) Decided also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in subparagraph (*b*) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 135,800 dollars approved for the Observer Mission in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

(*d*) Decided further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in subparagraph (*b*) above, their respective share of an equivalent amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

(*e*) Decided that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of an amount of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) from the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 shall first be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(*f*) Decided also that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission shall be credited their respective share in the remaining portion of the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000

[78] A/53/984, para. 6.

[79] A/52/401/Add.1 and 2 and A/53/802.

[80] A/53/895 and A/53/896.

[81] A/53/896.

dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 after the application of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net) as provided for in subparagraph (*d*) above, that is, 760,075 dollars gross (532,675 dollars net);

(*g*) Decided further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share in the remaining portion of the unencumbered balance of 4,601,200 dollars gross (4,238,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 after the application of 3,841,125 dollars gross (3,705,325 dollars net), that is, 760,075 dollars gross (532,675 dollars net), shall first be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(*h*) Decided that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 154,200 dollars gross (131,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

(*i*) Decided also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share in the unencumbered balance of 154,200 dollars gross (131,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall first be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(*j*) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Observer Mission;[82]

(*k*) Reaffirmed its decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998, and reiterated that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification of written-off and lost items;

(*l*) Requested the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the final disposition of assets of the Observer Mission, in particular of sold and written-off assets, and to include its recommendations in the audit report for the period from July 1998 to June 1999;

(*m*) Decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia".

53/479. Peacekeeping Reserve Fund

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[38] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund[83] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[84] and concurred with the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee thereon.

53/480. Reform procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[38]

(*a*) Requested the Secretary-General to convene the Phase V working group, in accordance with subparagraph (*e*) of the annex to its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

(*b*) Decided to continue its consideration, at its fifty-fourth session, of the question of reform procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment.

53/481. Joint Inspection Unit

At its 101st plenary meeting, on 8 June 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[85] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" until the main part of its fifty-fourth session.

53/485. Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

At its 105th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1999, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[86] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO[87] and of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[88]

[82] A/52/401/Add.2.

[83] A/53/912.

[84] A/53/961.

[85] A/53/993, para. 6.

[86] A/53/485/Add.6, para. 7.

[87] A/54/127.

[88] A/53/7/Add.15. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7*.

ANNEX I

ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The following additional items were included in the agenda of the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-third session:[1]

Plenary meetings

17. (*l*) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (item 17).

74. Observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly (item 169).

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41. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (item 170).

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[1] See A/53/252/Add.3–5.

ANNEX II

CHECKLIST OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution Number	*Title*	*Item*	*Plenary Meeting*	*Date of adoption*	*Page*
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